SKRTCH
SCRTCH
GRAB!
TCH
TCH
TCH
NOW I KNOW THIS MAY NOT LOOK LIKE MUCH, BUT THIS LITTLE TRINKET IS ACTUALLY A BRAIN THAT ONCE POWERED A MACHINE BIGGER THAN THE WHOLE CASTLE.
WITH THEIR FORGOTTEN TECHNOLOGY OUR ANCESTORS COULD GIVE THESE MACHINES NOT ONLY LIFE OF BODY, BUT A LIVING MIND AND HEART THAT COULD FEEL EMOTION JUST LIKE YOU AND ME.
TMP!
Teacher Chesska! There's a man in the garden! He's come to kidnap us!
CAREFUL 'TEACHER CHESSKA' THE BOY IS RIGHT.
I'M SORRY TO INTERRUPT YOUR LESSON, CHILDREN, BUT I NEED TO STEAL YOUR TEACHER.
BUT ONLY JUST LONG ENOUGH TO HAND OVER MY GIFT.

CASSIE, COULD YOU TAKE CARE OF THE CHILDREN FOR A MOMENT?
OF COURSE, MISS CHESSKS. WE'LL BE FINE.
HAVE I TOLD YOU KIDS THE STORY ABOUT THE SECRET TREASURE BURIED IN THIS VERY GARDEN?
ANTHONY, MY FRIEND! IF I DIDN'T KNOW YOU, I'D HAVE WORRIED ABOUT YOU BEING GONE SO LONG.
BUT SINCE YOU DO KNOW ME...?
I KNOW YOU'RE TOO PROUD TO DIE ALONE IN THE EASTERN CONTINENT JUNGLES WITH NO ONE TO WITNESS YOUR HEROIC AND DRAMATIC END.
OF COURSE. STILL, THERE WERE A FEW MOMENTS WHERE I THOUGHT I WOULDN'T GET TO SEE YOUR FACE WHEN I BROUGHT YOU THIS.
A RED-TIPPED THROTTLE?!
SKK'K
YOU SAID YOU'D TEACH ME YOUR SECRET SPELL IF I BROUGHT YOU ONE.
I WAS JOKING! NO ONE'S CAUGHT A LIVE SPECIMEN FOR HUNDREDS OF YEARS!
THAT'S BECAUSE BEFORE NOW NO ONE HAD ASKED A SOLAIR TO TRY IT!
A-ANTHONY... I KNOW COLLECTORS WHO WOULD SELL YOU THEIR FIRSTBORN TO HAVE THIS PLANT!
I DIDN'T MAKE A DEAL WITH THOSE COLLECTORS. THEY WOULDN'T APPRECIATE IT PROPERLY ANYWAY.
YOU HAVE A PASSION FOR UGLY, THORNY THINGS. WHY ELSE WOULD YOU BE FRIENDS WITH ME?

I DON'T KNOW WHY YOU WANT ME TO TEACH YOU THIS SPELL.
YOUR FAMILY ALREADY HAS PLENTY OF WISELY POWERFUL MAGIC AT THEIR DISPOSAL.
YOU NEVER KNOW WHEN AN EXTRA SPELL WILL COME IN HANDY.
YOU'VE BEEN WORKING SO HARD ON THIS, I WANT TO SEE THE FINISHED RESULT!
IT'S NOT FINISHED! I STILL CAN'T MANAGE AN ACTUAL PHYSICAL TRANSFORMATION. I MAY NEVER BE ABLE TO.
BUT THANKS TO YOUR HELP, I'M ABLE TO CREATE A SEMI-PHYSICAL PROJECTION WITH OFFENSIVE AND DEFENSIVE CAPABILITIES.
NICE USE OF BIG WORDS, BUT WHAT DOES IT ACTUALLY DO?
THIS.
HSSSSHAAAAR!

WHOA!
AH! SORRY!
DARN, I THINK I LOST MY HAIRCLIP. I'LL NEVER KEEP MY BANGS OUT OF MY FACE NOW.
NO, NO, IT'S FINE! YOU LOOK FINE.
YOU LOOK... BEAUTIFUL.

COUGH HELLO? CAN ANYONE BACK THERE HEAR ME?
WHICH ONE OF THESE SPEAKS TO THE WHOLE SUB... AH, HERE WE GO... *AHEM*!
EVERYONE, ASSEMBLE AT THE HELM. WE'VE ARRIVED AT OUR DESTINATION.
PENUMBRA ISLAND.

WELL, THAT DOESN'T LOOK TOO INVITING.
NEITHER DO THOSE ROCKS. I NEED TO FIND A SAFE PLACE TO DROP THE ANCHORS.
IT'S SO COLD AND SAD.
I'M A QUILLOTIAN GIRL. I'M NOT MEANT TO HANDLE THIS KIND OF WEATHER.
If you want to share my blanket all you have to do is ask!
OOOH, YOU'RE SNUGGLY!
BLITZ, I NEED TO TALK TO YOU.
LOOK CREDENZA! THEY HAVE A CASTLE!
BLITZ, IN THAT CASTLE IS YOUR DAUGHTER! YOU HAD A CHILD BEFORE YOU LOST YOUR MEMORY. YOU COULD HAVE A WHOLE FAMILY!
THEY MAY NOT BE HAPPY TO SEE YOU LIKE... LIKE YOU ARE NOW.
YOU NEED TO PREPARE FOR... IS ANY OF THIS SINKING IN?
LOOK CREDENZA! THEY HAVE A CASTLE!
THAT'S NICE, BLITZ.

YOU SURE YOU WANT MORE? I'VE ALREADY POURED HALF A CUP.
I'm short, not an infant. I can handle as much coffee as you.
TURN THE SUB AROUND!
WHAT? WHY?!
SOMETHING'S COMING! I KNOW THIS SOUNDS CRAZY, BUT WE NEED TO GET OUT OF HERE RIGHT NOW!
I WORK FOR A MAN WHO DREAMS THE FUTURE. I KNOW BETTER THAN TO DOUBT INTUITION.
TUFF, WHAT'S WRONG?
IT'S MY SIXTH SENSE, CREDENZA. I'VE NEVER FELT IT SO STRONG BEFORE! EVERYTHING INSIDE OF ME IS SCREAMING THAT SOMETHING IS TERRIBLY WRONG!
MMMM

ZHHEW!
KUH-BOOM!
AAAAUUGH

WHAT'S THE DAMAGE?!
THERE'S A BREACH IN THE HULL OF THE MEDICAL BAY! NO ONE'S DOWN THERE.
SEAL IT OFF FROM THE REST OF THE SHIP.
WE'LL SALVAGE WHAT WE CAN WHEN WE'RE SAFELY AWAY FROM HERE.
WHY ARE THEY SHOOTING AT US?! WE ONLY JUST ARRIVED!
THE NERVE OF THEM, FIRING ON US BEFORE WE'VE BEEN PROPERLY INTRODUCED.
MAYBE THE SIGHT OF A BIG SUBMARINE LIKE THIS SPOOKED THEM.
'SPOOKED' ENOUGH TO FIRE HULL PIERCING MAGIC?!
WHATEVER THEY STARTED, THEY'RE AIMING TO FINISH IT!
BRACE YOURSELVES!
VMMMMMMMMMMMMM

ZIIIEEW!
BOOM!
POK!
DIRECT HIT!